

ARCH Group's aim: "To show our love for God and You"

Weekly Notices

18th August 2019

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

This Week's Activities

Tuesday: 8.30 am Prayers at Harvington

Wednesday: 12.30 pm Community lunch at Ellenden Farmshop,
Harvington

Thursday: Home communions

7.30 pm Inkberrow Impromptu concert *Postcards from Prague* at St
Peter's, Inkberrow

8.30 pm **Men's Night at The Golden Cross, Harvington**

Friday—Bank Holiday Monday Beer festival at The Lenches Club, Church
Lench

Saturday: 9.00 am Benefice prayers at The Rectory, Harvington

Live music evening at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Future Activities: August/September

Monday 26th Family entertainment at The Lenches Club, Church Lench

Friday 6th 7.30 pm Film night at Harvington Village Hall

Sunday 8th 1.00 pm Big Lunch in the gardens of *****, Rous Lench

Monday 9th Stop date for October issue of the ARCH Messenger

7.30 pm Faith Today at *****, *****, Harvington

8.00 pm South Lenches Parish Council meeting in Church Lench Village Hall

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Next Week's Services: Sunday 25th August 2019

10.00 am

Rous Lench

Benefice Communion Service+

Today's Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy,
strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Prayer

We pray for those looking forward to weddings in the coming weeks including the two weddings being held in the benefice. We pray for each couple and ask the Holy Spirit to help calm any nerves or worries about the preparations. And we pray for their families, friends and all the church community who will support them on their wedding day.

We pray for those who are experiencing illness whether long term or recently diagnosed. We ask that as they begin or continue treatments the love and care of God may continually be made known to them.

And bless those who care for the sick.

We give thanks for our gardens and all the joy of the natural world.

Thank you for abundant harvests and the rain and sunshine and all the care that goes into nurturing your created world.

Finally we pray for those who feel on the edge, whether as refugees, newcomers or those unable to join in. Lord Jesus you befriended those on the margins, let us do so also.

This Week's First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

This Week's Psalm: *Psalms 80:9-20*

- 9 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
- 10 You made room around it, and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- 11 The hills were covered with its shadow and the cedars of God by its boughs.
- 12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea and its tendrils to the River.

Psalm 80:9-20 continued

- 13 Why then have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, and all the insects of the field devour it.
- 15 Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and behold;
- 16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.
- 17 Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it down, perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- 18 Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
- 19 And so will we not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
- 20 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

This Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

²⁹By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms,

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 continued

administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 12:49-56*

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹**I came to bring fire to the earth,** and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, **'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?**

Next Week's First Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

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Next Week's Psalm: *Psalms 71:1-6*

- 1 In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence, even from my youth.
- 6 Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of you.

Next Week's Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, ¹⁹and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.') ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.' ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18-29 continued

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶**At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.'** ²⁷This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Next Week's Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:10-17*

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²**When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.'** ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵**But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.**